

Chepstow Archway Bridge Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting 6/4/19

Present; Sheila Montgomery, Ray Mardon, John Whiteside, Sue Blake, Christine Brierley and Graham Eele.

The Minute of 21/1/19 were passed as an accurate record

Treasurers report (J.W.)

Current balance is £4,225, which is similar to the balance in January. However, WBU membership fees are due at a cost of £11 per person. The subscription is up from last year from £10 to £11. This quarter expenditure was £95 for master points, EWBA teams £80, Champion of Champions £30, Insurance £138.

JW noted that attendance was down from 82.5 tables in January, to 72.5 in February, and 67.5 in March, suggesting a need to be cautious with expenditure.

JW suggested a balance of at least £3,000 should be maintained, with any necessary lower balance being temporary. SB agreed.

Easter Egg Event.

SB noted a lack of early publicity for the event on the notice board and it had not yet been announced by the directors (It is of course on the calendar). SM will distribute an email to the membership, there will a Notice on the board and the directors will announce the event from now on.

It was decided that CB is to buy the Easter Eggs and wine, RM will direct and SM will distribute the eggs.

Plans for Teaching. GE and SM hope to run a further Improvers Course starting on October 2nd for 10 weeks. SM would like to run a beginners course next year if viable.

It was agreed in principle the courses should cover costs, and that capital expenditure should also be covered spread over its lifetime.

It was agreed that a whiteboard and flip charts were would be purchased by SM for the next course, expenditure to be approved by the committee. (Likely to be £70 or less).

GE suggested more people could be trained to teach and that he suggested purchasing a projector and screen. No decision was made to commit money, partly because income and costs from future courses are uncertain. SM is to negotiate with the Palmer Centre in relation to room rental. It was acknowledged that charges for previous courses could probably have been higher without affecting enrolment.

Upgrade of Duplimate Machine.

It was quickly and unanimously agreed to spend £250 on this.

Future Personnel Needs.

The major identified needs were for;

A web site organiser

An events organiser for the 3 party events, charity matches and catered events hosted by the Club.

A P.R. organiser.

SM will email the membership and approach people personally to see if anyone might be interested in helping out.

Palmer Centre

SM will arrange to meet the management now the building works are nearing completion. Points for discussion will include rental, storage, chairs, and extra notice board.

Competitions

The majority view was that competitions run so far should continue next year with two changes. The mens pairs and ladies pairs should

be run on the same night. Competitions should be spread out more from September to April.

It was decided to run the mixed pairs on the 29th of April as advertised. There will be two trophies presented, one for the overall winner, and one for restricted mixed pairs. All pairs will play in the same section, and the evening will just be for mixed pairs.

RM will use handicap evidence (below 1.5) and other factors to decide who is eligible for the Restricted Trophy.

Monmouth Teams Match

Monmouth would like a Tuesday evening match in June. SM will investigate room availability and also consider a Saturday afternoon with all parties.

A.O.B

No a.o.b.

Future Meeting

It was agreed it was preferable to have committee meeting not on a bridge night, and GE volunteered to host the next one. The next date suggested were either the 18th or 25th of June.

